

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Daily Digest Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 518–527. Pages S2837–38

Measures Passed:

Claim Settlement: Senate passed H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nuclear Waste Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill on Wednesday, April 9, 1997.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the annual report of the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1995; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–25).

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Transmitting the annual report of the National Endowment for Democracy for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–26).

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Transmitting the report of the Radiation Control for Health Act for 1995; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–27).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Calvin D. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

James Allan Hurd, Jr., of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Ruth Y. Tamura, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001. (Reappointment)

A routine list in the Foreign Service. Page S2864

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2863.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Dallas R. Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Bruce R. Weber, Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, August Schumacher, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Christopher E. Goldthwait, General Sales Manager, Kenneth D. Ackerman, Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 15.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine child pornography issues, focusing on the sexual exploitation of children through the Internet and on-line services, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Wade B. Houk, Assistant Director in Charge of Finance, and Robert M. Bryant, Assistant Director,

Criminal Investigative Division, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 22.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Bernard Rostker, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower held hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on submarine development and procurement programs and global submarine threat, receiving testimony from Senator Chafee; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Op-

erations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; Rear Adm. Robert E. Frick, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines; and Rear Adm. Michael W. Cramer, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and Donald Rumsfeld, James Schlesinger, and Caspar Weinberger, each a former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RUSSIA-NATO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded closed hearings to examine the Russia-Nato relationship after the Helsinki Summit, after receiving testimony from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State; and Jan M. Lodal, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIAN JUVENILE JUSTICE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 to provide assistance to Indian tribes for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from Thomas L. LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Thomas S. Begich, Washington, D.C., and Larry Blackhair, Fort Duchesne, Utah, both on behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice; and Mary V. Thomas, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1225-1251; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68, and H. Con. Res. 57-58, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits and the

amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (H. Rept. 105-43);

Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 105-44);

H. Res. 107, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105-45); and